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# Eradication of poverty and other development issues

## Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled:

"Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

"(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006);

"(b) Women in development;

"(c) Human resources development"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 23rd, 24th and 25th meetings, on 6 and 8 November 2007. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/62/SR.23-25). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings, from 8 to 10 October (see A/C.2/62/SR.2-6). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be provided in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Letter dated 30 May 2007 from the representative of Morocco to the Secretary-General (A/62/155)

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in four parts, under the symbol A/62/423 and Add.1-3.

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Letter dated 5 September 2007 from the representative of Nicaragua to the Secretary-General (A/62/371)

Letter dated 26 September 2007 from the representative of Nicaragua to the Secretary-General (A/62/372)

Letter dated 10 October 2007 from the representatives of El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua to the Secretary-General (A/62/486)

Letter dated 8 October 2007 from the representative of Pakistan to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 and China at their thirty-first annual meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters on 27 September 2007 (A/62/488)

Letter dated 18 October 2007 from the representative of Pakistan to the Secretary-General (A/62/507-S/2007/636), transmitting the final communiqué of the annual coordination meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, held at United Nations Headquarters on 2 October 2007

**Item 58 (a)**
**Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)**

Report of the Secretary-General (A/62/267)

Letter dated 19 June 2007 from the representative of Pakistan to the Secretary-General (A/62/211)

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**Women in development**

Report of the Secretary-General (A/62/187)

**Item 58 (c)**
**Human resources development**

Report of the Secretary-General (A/62/308)

4. At the 23rd meeting, on 6 November, introductory statements were made by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women (under sub-item (b)); the Director of the Office of Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-item (c)); and the Chief of the Social Integration Branch, Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-item (a)) (see A/C.2/62/SR.23).